

REMARKS

INTRODUCTION

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1, 4, 7, 9, 11 and 13 have been amended. Claims 1-13 are pending and under consideration.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103

As a preliminary matter, an interview was conducted between the Examiner and the Applicants' representative on February 7, 2008. The Examiner is thanked for his time and consideration during the interview. The claims have been amended to overcome the present rejections as suggested by the Examiner during the interview.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

The present claim amendments overcome the rejection.

CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

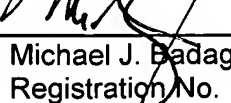
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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